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Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

The provisional election dated August 3, 2006 provisionally elected Group I apparatus claims 1-50 and species 1, Figures 1-7.

Claims 1-10, 21-29, 33-34, 43-45, 47 and 51-52 read on the elected species.

Claims 1 and 33 have been amended to conform to the elected species.

If cancellation of claims is required, claims in the later filed '350 application will be revised or amended to maintain a clear line of demarcation.

Li '681 does not anticipate claims 1-10, 21-29, 33-34, 43-45, 47 and 51-52.

Li describes a holding element 3 with fulcrum rod portions 31, 22, insertion slots 34 and necks 35 (column 3, line 1).

The trays 4 have guide slots 44 with raised blocks 43 that fit into insertion slots 34 and are rotatably held in position by necks 35 and can be disengaged by a small pulling force (column 3, lines 20-25).

In present claim 1, the tray holder clips have engagement sides projecting laterally from a living hinge. That is not found in or is obvious from Li. The end connectors have split aligning projection receivers not found in or obvious from Li.

Dependent claims 2-19 have other features not found in or obvious from Li.

Claim 21 distinguishes from Li by pointing out the number of sets of clips corresponds to the number of recesses in each tray which is not found in or obvious from Li.

Claim 22 adds that the clips bend along a longitudinal axis, which is not found in or obvious from Li.

Claim 23 adds applying pressure to exposed surfaces to return clips to their initial configuration.

The subject matter added by claims 24-29 was not found in or obvious from Li, for example, the trapezoidal shapes and bending along a longitudinal axis of claim 26 and the dovetail shapes and locking ribs of claim 29.

Claim 33 distinguishes from Li by pointing out that the sets of clips correspond in number to the mounting recesses on the individual trays and the clips bend along a central axis and pressure is applied on exposed surfaces, none of which is found in or is obvious from Li.

Claim 34 adds the dovetail shapes which is not found in or obvious from Li.

Claims 35-50 add features which are not found in or are obvious from Li.

Claims 51 and 52 are similar in scope to claims 1-50.

Claims 51 and 52 describe clips flexible along a longitudinal axis, which is not found in or obvious from Li, bending the clips along a longitudinal axis, inserting bent clips into mounting recesses and pressing on exposed surfaces of bent clips to return the clips to their original unbent condition,

which are not found in or obvious from Li.

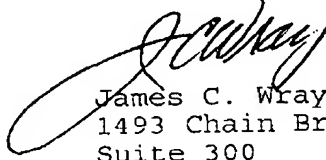
Lines 4-8 of claim 51 and lines 7-13 of claim 50 have substantially the same features as claims 22 and 23.

Claims 51-52 should be examined with the apparatus claims.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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